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SUBJECT: APPRAISAL OF UNICEF PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IT HAS VERY LITTLE INFORMATION
ON WHICH TO BASE AN ASSESSMENT OF UNICEF PROGRAMS IN
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

2. MAJOR UNICEF PROGRAM IN TRINIDAD WAS SCHOOL MILK
PROGRAM WHICH TERMINATED IN 1972. ONLY OTHER PROJECTS
OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE ARE OCCASIONAL PROVISION OF EQUIP-
MENT AND SUPPLIES TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH, INVITATIONS TO
TRINIDADIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINARS, AND UNICEF SUPPORT
FOR CARIBBEAN FOOD AND NUTRITION INSTITUTE.

3. UNICEF PROGRAMS IN TRINIDAD ARE HANDLED BY REGIONAL
OFFICE IN BOGOTA; THERE IS NO UNICEF PARTICIPATION IN UNDP
COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE. THERE IS APPARENTLY VERY
LITTLE COORDINATION BETWEEN UNICEF AND OTHER AID DONORS
TO TRINIDAD. THE USG IS NOT A BILATEAL DONOR AND
HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH UNICEF PERSONNEL SINCE THE
TERMINATION OF THE SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM.

4. AS FAR AS EVALUATION OF UNICEF PROGRAMS IS CONCERNED,
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WE KNOW THE TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT WAS VERY PLEASED WITH

THE SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM AND REQUESTED ITS EXTENSION BEYOND
THE TIME UNICEF WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MILK. THE
CARIBBEAN FOOD AND NUTRITION INSTITUTE IS VERY WELL REGARDED,
HAS A NUMBER OF WELL-QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, AND SEEMS TO MAKE
EFFECTIVE USE OF ITS RESOURCES.

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